

Summary Debrief – August 13

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Summary Debrief of TEA COVID-19 Superintendents Calls

As of: August 13

Next steps for districts and charters:

- 1. Bookmark TEA's coronavirus website <u>tea.texas.gov/coronavirus</u> for the most up-to-date guidance
- Please continue to submit questions to <u>disasterinfo@tea.texas.gov</u>

Reminders:

• The TEA COVID-19 Superintendent Call have moved to Thursdays only at 3:00pm. The call-in information has changed. Please use the call-in information sent via TEA's Superintendent Listserv on August 13, 2020.

Recap of topics covered:

- Public Health Guidance
 - o The SY 20-21 Public Health Guidance was updated on August 4.
 - As part of the Public Health Guidance, school systems are **required** to provide parents a notice of their public education enrollment and attendance rights and responsibilities during the COVID-19 pandemic. This Education Rights and Responsibilities document is now available in English and Spanish.
 - As a resource to districts, TEA developed "I wear a mask because..." editable flyers in <u>English</u> and <u>Spanish</u> for districts to use to encourage their communities to wear masks.
 - In addition, we provided an update on the statewide distribution of <u>Personal</u> Protective Equipment.
- Remote Instruction Guidance for SY 2020-2021
 - The <u>SY 20-21 Attendance and Enrollment FAQ</u> was updated on July 30.
- Remote Instruction Requirements
 - A new FAQ was posted to address questions around Asynchronous Plans.
 - Please submit questions on Asynchronous Plans to <u>AsynchronousPlanReview@tea.texas.gov</u>.
 - The current list of districts that have submitted Letters of Intent can be found here.
- Operation Connectivity
 - Updated FAQs were published related to the <u>Bulk Order</u>.
 - An updated <u>Guide to Operation Connectivity for Cities and Counties</u> was posted to support districts with having conversations about coronavirus relief funding.
 - A new and related FAQ was posted to provide information on <u>SY 20-21</u> <u>Instructional Materials Guidance</u>
- Crisis Codes



- A <u>To The Administrator Address</u> (TAA) letter was posted announcing the deadline of October 5, 2020 for districts to submit their crisis code data.
- SY 20-21 Instructional Planning
 - As a reminder, the <u>Strong Start Resources</u> website was launched to support SY 20-21 instructional planning, including the following new resources:
 - A <u>Phased Reopening Guide</u> which includes a set of considerations and guidance for districts to use as they consider how to phase-in reopening over the first 4-8 weeks of school.
 - An <u>announcement</u> related to TEA's partnership with <u>OnRamps</u> to offer a selection of free modules through the OnRamps Distance Learning Catalog for middle and high school teachers across Texas.
- Texas Home Learning
 - The Texas Home Learning 3.0 <u>Learning Management System</u> (LMS) was announced as a free 2-year resource for districts.
 - Districts can learn more about the <u>LMS</u>, how the <u>LMS monitors</u> attendance, and the <u>support for all learners</u> included in the LMS.
- Additional Updates
 - o A new FAQ was posted related to <u>SY 20-21 College Prep Assessments</u>
 - Updates were posted to the <u>Educator Certification and Preparation Guidance</u>, including a new FAQ on the <u>Intern and Emergency Permit Waiver</u>.
 - An update to the <u>School Boards FAQ</u> announcing the extension of board trainings via online/virtual formatting through January 31, 2021
 - While not directly related to COVID, a new TAA was posted related to SY 2019-2020 School Improvement Interventions.